safety categories where there is no relaxation/concession for reserved category candidates;

(c) Departmental Promotion Committees (DPCs), as far possible are constituted at regular intervals. However, in few cases, regular DPC meetigns could not be held in time due to administrative difficulties in completing the necessary formalities/documentations and also due to court cases etc.

Additional bogie in Chhattisgarh Express

†1923. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of people of Bikaner and Jodhpur residing in Chhattisgarh have demanded to attach an additional bogie with the Chhattisagrh Express;

(b) if so, the details of consideration thereon; and

(c) whether the department would consider it *suo moto*, if not demanded?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. 8237/8238 Bilaspur-Amritsar Chhattisgarh Express is presently running with 22 coaches. It has been planned to increase its load to 24 coaches w.e.f. 04.09.2006 8473/8474 Puri-Jaipur Express (Weekly) running via Bilaspur - Raipur has been extended to Jodhpur from 05.07.2006. This has linked Jodhpur with Chhattisgarh. Provision of additional coaches for Bikaner and Jodhpur passengers in Chhattisgarh Express in not feasible at present due to operational and resoruces constraints.

Rail projects

1924. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of present status of ongoing rail projects alongwith targets fixed for their completion in the country, rail-division-wise/State-wise, project-wise;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) the details of amount allocated and spent thereon during the last three years till date; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Rail projects in Tamil Nadu

1925. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the development projects being implemented in the State of Tamil Nadu, including the target date set for completion of the projects and the reasons for delay in implementation of the projects;

(b) the broad gauge conversion programme for the State of Tamil Nadu and the reasons for delay in gauge conversion between various stations; and

(c) the amount allocated for the State of Tamil Nadu for development of railways including modernization of railway stations for the year 2006-07 and its percentage of all India allocation for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) In Tamil Nadu, 02 nos. New Lines, 09 nos. Gauge Conversion, 06 nos. Doubling, 02 nos. Metropolitan Transport Project and 01 no. Railway Electrification projects are in progress which on completion will add about 1760 Km of broad gauge line and will electrify 178 Km line. Out of which, 470 Km through gauge conversion, 12 Km through doubling, 04 Km of line under Metropolitan Transport Project area are targeted for completion during 2006-07. Works are being progressed as per availability of resources and operational priority of the line.

(c) An outlay of Rs. 480.25 crore has been provided for projects of new line, gauge conversion, doubling, Metropolitan Transport Project and Railway Electrification Plan Heads falling fully/partly in the State of Tamil Nadu for